



Rosemary V. (Manning) Burt

June 15, 1939 - January 6, 2023

Wellesley – A beautiful, kind and loving matriarch has left us.

Rosemary (Manning) Burt, 83, mother of seven children, passed away quietly in her sleep on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023.

What a life she had; born in Brockton and growing up in Roxbury, the oldest of seven children, she graduated from St. Patrick High in Roxbury in 1957. She met the love of her life at age 20, on a plane, and within two years was married, giving birth to seven children over the next eight years.

Devotion to God and family were always her focus.

While her physical beauty and her love of nice clothes were often mentioned, it didn't compare to her inner beauty.

According to those that knew Rosemary she was as positive and kind of a person they had ever met.

As a homemaker she was noted for her blueberry muffins, banana bread, and homemade pizza, oftentimes for her children's friends.

Rosemary and family lived in several locations, including Quincy, North Andover and Topsfield.

Rosemary would often buy carnations at local florists and go to Lawrence General Hospital, delivering to new mothers that had little to no family representation, making them “feel loved.”

Her favorite saying to those in need was “Jesus loves you.” And to those who were lucky to be doing well, “Be kind to those in need.”

As the grandchildren started coming into her life, she became known as “Grandma Rosie,” and her kind, loving personality touched them all. “Grandma Rosie” loved children, all children.

In fact, one her passion’s was promoting “Right to Life” and its mission to protect and defend the most fundamental right of humankind, the right to life of every innocent human being from the beginning of life to natural death.

“The most beautiful thing in the world is a baby. It’s one of the greatest gifts of God,” she often said.

Rosemary also donated to “Project Rachel,” which provides a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion.

In the end, Rosemary had no enemies.

Over her final years, Rosemary spent a lot of time watching her favorite channel, Catholic Television and EWTN. Every Sunday at 10 a.m. she watched the Sunday Mass at Notre Dame on Catholic TV, oftentimes with a family member.

Rosemary is survived by her family, including six of her seven children, their spouses and six grandchildren, and one sister; including, son William Burt Jr. and his wife, Mary, and grandson Maxwell; daughter Meredith Bunker and her

husband, Steven Bunker and grandsons Craig Bunker and his wife Sonja Boatman; Dr. Drew Bunker and Trent Bunker, son Gerard Burt; son Christopher Burt and his partner Ellen Yameen, and granddaughter Scarlett; son Michael Burt; son Keith Burt and granddaughter Caroline Burt; and sister Kathy Manning-Fabrizio and husband Jack.

Rosemary was predeceased by her ex-husband William Burt Sr. and son Joseph Burt; and brothers Thomas Manning, Fr. Joseph Manning, John Manning, James Manning and sister Elizabeth Manning; and parents Thomas and Florence Manning.

The family will have a private ceremony at her burial in Ayer, Mass., where she will be laid next to her youngest son, Joseph Burt.

A memorial Mass will be performed at St. Rose of Lima Parish, 12 Park Street, Topsfield, MA on Friday, January 13th at 10:30 a.m.

At Rosemary's request, all donations in her name should go to her favorite charity: CatholicTV, PO Box 9196, 34 Chestnut St., Watertown, MA 02471 or go to www.catholictv.org/donate.html.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JAN 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Rose of Lima
12 Park Street
Topsfield, MA

Tribute Wall

JH

“ 3 files added to the album 1995



Jill Herenda - January 11, 2023 at 12:00 PM

AG

“ Meredith and Steve, Sympathy on your family loss. Meredith, your mom sounds like a lovely person who treasured much in her life, and we wish you all peace as you celebrate her life. My being away Friday precludes Mass attendance but you'll be in my thoughts and prayers that day. May your mom rest in peace and be lovingly remembered. Alicia & Larry Guinee and family

Alicia Guinee - January 09, 2023 at 11:15 PM

SB

Alicia and Larry, thank you for you kind words and support ❤️🙏✝️✝️
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Steve Bunker - January 10, 2023 at 09:46 AM

PB

“ RoseMary was a wonderful caring person. We shared a special friendship after meeting at my daughter’s wedding 27 years ago in NJ. We have stayed friends all these many years and RoseMary and I had a lengthy phone conversation a little over a week ago. I am so happy the Lord gave me a last chance to talk with RoseMary before he took her home. She was a Christian woman and loved God and her family deeply. With Sympathy and love from Pat and George Beier.

Patricia Beier - January 09, 2023 at 08:31 PM

SB

Dear Patricia, thank you you for your generous heart towards my Mother❤️🙏 She cherished you as a beautiful Friend and confidant❤️🙏 I will forever be grateful for being such a wonderful Sister in Faith with my Dear Mother Rosemary 🙏❤️🙏

Steve Bunker - January 10, 2023 at 09:51 AM

JR

“ Our deepest condolences to the Burt family. We remember Rosemary as a kind, loving, sweet and genuine person. Her memory will live on through her beautiful children and grandchild and in the lives of all those who she touched. Bless her for her dedication to the precious gift of life. May she rest in peace in the arms of the Lord who brought her home to Him. With sympathy and love from Joseph and Karen Rafferty

Joseph and Karen Rafferty - January 09, 2023 at 01:52 PM

SB

Thank you for you heart felt words ❤️🙏🙏🙏

Steve Bunker - January 09, 2023 at 04:03 PM

MC

Rosemary had a special place in my heart!! So many great memories of her. ❤️🌹🙏✝️

Mary Cameron - January 09, 2023 at 05:17 PM

SM

“*Rosemary was the most kind, loving, and generous person I ever met. She loved God and never feared talking about Him to anyone. Beautiful person inside and out. What a pleasure to have known. Peace.*”

Sue Mahony - January 08, 2023 at 07:05 PM

SB

Thank you Sue for being such a wonderful Friend to my Mom 🙏❤️✝️

Steve Bunker - January 09, 2023 at 02:48 PM

MG

Dick and I are sorry to hear of your mother's death. She was a wonderful woman,mother. You were blessed.

Mary Gill - January 09, 2023 at 08:06 PM

MC

Even though I have not been in touch with Rosemary for many years I have fond memories of our teen years in Dorchester and St Kevin parish dances. She was a strong and beautiful woman who loved God very much. May she rest in His glory now. Marguerite Christopher

Marguerite Christopher - January 18, 2023 at 06:02 PM